

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
SOCIAL JUSTICE AND EMPOWERMENT
LOK SABHA**

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SCHOLARSHIP SCAM IN ANDHRA PRADESH
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Will the Minister of SOCIAL JUSTICE AND EMPOWERMENT be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Government are aware of the 18 crore Scholarship scam which came into light recently in Andhra Pradesh;
- (b) if so, whether any preliminary enquiry has been conducted in this regard;
- (c) if so, the details thereof; and
- (d) the steps being taken by the Government to check the recurrence of such situation?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF SOCIAL JUSTICE AND EMPOWERMENT (SHRI S. B. MOOKHERJEE)

(a) Yes Sir.

(b) Yes Sir.

(c) As per report of Government of Andhra Pradesh a preliminary enquiry was conducted by Commissioner of Social Welfare, Hyderabad. The matter was later enquired by Vigilance and Enforcement Wing of Andhra Pradesh Government. Now the case has been entrusted to the Central Crime Station, City Police, Hyderabad, who are conducting detailed investigation. 21 persons have been arrested and 241 properties worth Rs. 40 crores approximately have been attached. State Government have also decided to establish a Special Sessions Court for speedy trial and disposal of all the cases relating to fraudulent drawals of scholarships.

(d) State Government has taken various steps like making the district heads of welfare departments as sanctioning, drawing and disbursing officers instead of principals of various colleges. Monitoring, reviews and reconciliation of accounts for all sanctions & drawals at all levels has been introduced to streamline the procedure of sanction & disbursement of scholarships.